

COUNCIL:

24 MARCH 2016

REPORT OF THE INTERIM MONITORING OFFICER

LORD MAYOR AND DEPUTY LORD MAYOR ELECT

Reason for this Report

1. To receive nominations for the positions of Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor for the 2016/17 Civic Year.

Background

2. The election of the Chair and Vice Chair of Council are determined by a vote of the Council at its Annual Meeting in May and nominations for these positions are sought from Party Groups to enable a recommendation to be made at the March Council meeting.
3. The Members appointed as Chair and Vice Chair are entitled to use the titles The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor respectively.

Issues

4. The purpose of this report is to seek the nomination of Members for election as Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor for 2016/17 Civic Year.
5. It will be necessary for Council to formally elect the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor at the Annual Meeting of Council.
6. Party/Group nominations for these positions have been requested.

Legal Implications

7. The Local Government Act 1972 requires that the Chairman of the Council be elected annually and that the Vice Chairman be appointed annually. In neither case may that person be a member of the Executive. The Council has the

benefit of a Royal Charter permitting the Chairman and Vice Chairman to be known by the style and title of The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor respectively.

Financial Implications

8. Payments to civic heads are within the remit of the Independent Remuneration Panel. For 2016/17, the Panel has set three levels of civic salary for each of these roles which can be paid by any authority according to local factors. These range between £19,000 to £24,000 (inclusive of the basic allowance) and £14,000 to £18,000 (inclusive of basic allowance) for the Deputy Lord Mayor. These amounts can be met from within existing budgets.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Council consider nominations for the positions of Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor elect for the 2016/17 Civic year.

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17 March 2016